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Title APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR OFF-PUMP CARDIAC SURGERY

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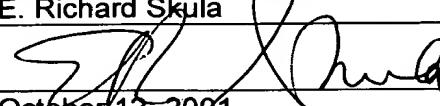
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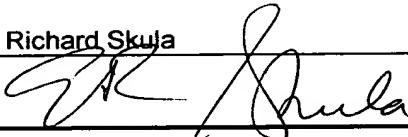
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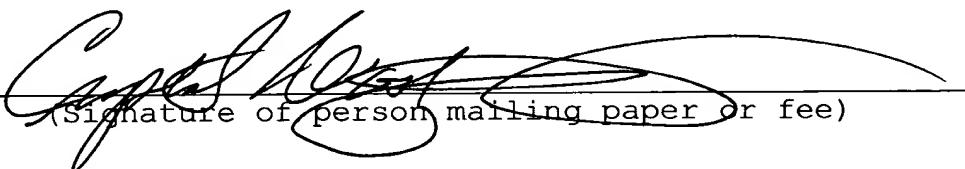
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